



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5893

House of Representatives, April 6, 2011

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. TERCYAK of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-260a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall seek a waiver from
4 federal law to establish a Medicaid-financed, home and community-
5 based program for individuals with acquired brain injury. [Such
6 waiver shall be submitted no later than October 1, 1995.]

7 (b) Not later than October 1, 2011, the commissioner shall amend the
8 waiver submitted in accordance with subsection (a) of this section to
9 provide home and community-based services for individuals with
10 acquired brain injury who have been on the waiting list to receive such
11 services for a period of two years or more.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-260a
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HS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$3 million	\$3 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill will result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) of approximately \$3 million associated with increasing the number of people served by the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) waiver. The bill specifies that the waiver should be amended to accommodate individuals who have been on the ABI wait list for two years or more. According to DSS, there are approximately 60 individuals on the wait list and 29 who would qualify. This would result in a cost of approximately \$3 million per year.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

¹ The cost estimate is based on an additional 29 individuals served at an average cost per client of \$102,000 per year.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5893*****AN ACT CONCERNING HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to amend the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) waiver to provide home- and community-based services to individuals who have been on the waiver program's waiting list for two or more years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***ABI Waiver and Waiting List***

Since 1999, DSS has offered home- and community-based services to adults under age 65 with ABIs who, without the services, would have to be institutionalized. The program offers 18 services, some of which are not medical in nature, such as supported employment, vehicle modifications, and help with chores.

DSS runs this program under a federal Medicaid Section 1915c waiver, since the regular Medicaid program would not authorize coverage for many of the services. The federal government has authorized 369 slots for the program. Beginning in 2008, the demand exceeded the number of slots and DSS instituted a waiting list, which currently has 60 people.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 2 (03/22/2011)